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House Resolution 132

By: Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Loudermilk of the 14th, Ralston of the 7th, Mumford of the 95th, Mangham of the 94th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the congressional delegation of the State of Georgia to end the abuse of tort law
- 2 against the firearms industry; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, citizens have a right, protected by the Second Amendment to the United States
- 4 Constitution, to keep and bear arms; and
- 5 WHEREAS, lawsuits have been commenced against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and
- 6 importers of firearms that operate as designed and intended, which seek money damages and
- 7 other relief for the harm caused by the misuse of firearms by third parties, including
- 8 criminals; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the manufacture, importation, possession, sale, and use of firearms and
- ammunition in the United States are heavily regulated by federal, state, and local laws,
- including the Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act, and the Arms Export
- 12 Control Act; and
- 13 WHEREAS, businesses in the United States that are engaged in interstate and foreign
- 14 commerce through the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, distribution, importation, or
- sale to the public of firearms or ammunition that has been shipped or transported in interstate
- or foreign commerce are not, and should not, be liable for the harm caused by those who
- 17 criminally or unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that function as
- 18 designed and intended; and
- 19 WHEREAS, 33 states have passed legislation protecting firearms and ammunition
- 20 manufacturers, and legislation in Congress supporting this measure has broad bipartisan
- 21 support.

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 $1\quad NOW, THEREFORE, BE\,IT\,RESOLVED\,BY\,THE\,HOUSE\,OF\,REPRESENTATIVES\,that$

- 2 the members of this body urge our elected Representatives and Senators in the United States
- 3 Congress to end the abuse of tort law against the firearms industry.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State of Georgia's
- 6 congressional delegation.